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SUMMARY: THERE WERE MIXED SIGNALS ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP DURING THE WEEK, AND THE JULY 1 PARTY ANNIVERSARY PASSED WITHOUT ANY EDITORIAL PRONOUNCEMENT. THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT VISITED PEKING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, WHILE THE OUTPOURING OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA CONTINUED WITH THE PRC MEDIA FOCUSING MORE AND MORE ON THE SOVIETS IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE INDIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY

1. LEADERSHIP - MIXED SIGNALS

LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES DURING THE WEEK CONVEYED MIXED SIGNALS.
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PREMIER CHOU JUNE 26 FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY MET A FOREIGN VISITOR OUTSIDE HOSPITAL, AN APPARENT SIGNAL THAT HIS CONFINEMENT IS FLEXIBLE (HK 7224). CHAIRMAN MAO, WHOSE FRAIL APPEARANCE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY REMARKED UPON BY VISITORS, MET THAI PREMIER KHUKRIT JULY 1, ALTHOUGH THE OMISSION OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE ELDERLY MAO IN A JUNE 25 EDITORIAL MARKED THE FURTHER FADING OF HIS IMAGE (HK 7111). A TOP LEADERSHIP GATHERING MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE JUNE 21-25, JUDGING

FROM THE LACK OF APPEARANCES AND OTHER SIGNS (HK 7318), BUT THE ABSENCE OF A JULY 1 PARTY DAY EDITORIAL INDICATED THAT THE REGIME COULD NOT AGREE ON WHAT TO SAY, OR THAT THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR SAYING ANYTHING (HK 7367). AN OVERALL IMPRESSION DURING THE WEEK WAS OF A LOWERED VOICE IN DOMESTIC PROPAGANDA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. NEW APPOINTMENTS

TWO NEW PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARIES WERE NAMED LAST WEEK IN FUKIEN. THEY ARE CHIANG LI-YIN (3068/4409/6892), A FORMER RAILROAD WORKER WHO HAS RISEN STEADILY IN THE PROVINCE HIERARCHY SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, AND LIN YI-HSIN (2651/0001/1800), A HIGH-RANKING FUKIEN PARTY CADRE IN THE 1950'S AND 60'S WHO MOVED TO PEKING IN 1965 AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL'S OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS COMMISSION. LIN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT IN 1966 AND REEMERGED IN PEKING THREE YEARS AGO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, MA JEN-HUI HAS BEEN REPLACED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION BY LIU TSUN-HSIN, WHO APPEARED IN THIS CAPACITY AT A BANQUET HONORING IRANAIR'S INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO PEKING. NO BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON LIU (HK 7345). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. THE UNITED STATES

CHINA CONTINUES TO SUGGEST A POSITIVE ROLE FOR THE US IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND COUNTERING THE SOVIETS IN THE POST-INDOCHINA PERIOD. IN JUNE 30 REMARKS AT A BANQUET HONORING THE THAI PRIME MINISTER, SENIOR PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING WITHOUT MENTIONING EITHER SUPERPOWER BY NAME, MAINTAINS THAT THE US "IRREVOCABLE DEFEATS"

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IN INDOCHINA HAD "CREATED VERY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY" AND POINTED TO THE SOVIETS AS POSING A "MENACING THREAT" TO THE REGION. DESPITE THE PRC'S CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR PYONGYANG'S DEMAND FOR TERMINATION OF THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA, THUS FAR NCNA HAS AVOIDED MENTION OF THE USG-ROK PROPOSAL FOR ITS DISSOLUTION. PRC MEDIA HAVE ALSO REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS CONCERNING US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH KOREA, ALTHOUGH NCNA HAS CARRIED EXCERPTS OF STATEMENTS BY THE DPRK AND DRVN CONCERNING US "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. A JUNE 26 CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE ON "NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST" CONTENDED THAT THE SITUATION THERE WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY "TENSE AND UNSTABLE." ALTHOUGH NEITHER

SUPERPOWER WAS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF SOLVING THE AREA'S PROBLEMS, US ACTIVITIES WERE PORTRAYED AS MORE SUCCESSFUL AND ACCEPTABLE THAN THOSE OF THE SOVIETS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TO HAVE OBLIGED MOSCOW TO ADJUST ITS TACTICS IN HOPES OF OVERCOMING ITS DISADVANTAGED POSITION.

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6. OTHER US-RELATED REPORTING FOCUSED ON SUPERPOWER RIVALRY WITH A STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT OF THE ARREST OF TWO SOVIET SPIES IN THE US AND A LENGTHY EXCERPT FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S JUNE 25 NATO REVIEW ARTICLE, IN WHICH NCNA STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SPENDING MORE FOR WEAPONRY THAN THE US. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL SPATE OF REPORTS OF WEST EUROPEAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES AND THE NEED FOR NATO AND CLOSE TIES WITH THE US, NCNA POINTED TO THE "ACCELERATED" SUPERPOWER NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND CONDEMNED THE FLAUNTING OF THE "TATTERED BANNER OF DISARMAMENT TALKS TO DECEIVE PEOPLE." (NCNA JUNE 25-JULY 1)

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7. THAILAND

CHINA ON JUNE 30 ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET TO WELCOME THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOJ, WHO ARRIVED IN PEKING TO NORMALIZE SINO-THAI RELATIONS. ON JULY 1 THAILAND BECAME THE THIRD ASEAN NATION AND 102ND COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. SENIOR VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, ACTING AS PRINCIPLE HOST, ON JUNE 30 FETED KHUKRIT, WHO MET WITH BOTH CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU, BEFORE SIGNING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH CHOU. THE DOCUMENT FOLLOWS THE LANGUAGE OF THE 1974 MALAYSIAN AND 1975 PHILIPPINE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH CHINA IN ITS TREATMENT OF TAIWAN, HEGEMONY , AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION , ETC., HOWEVER, IT CONTAINS THE MORE DETAILED TREATMENT CLARIFYING THE STATUS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE FOUND IN THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNIQUE WHILE OMITTING THE EXPLICIT PLEDGE IN THE SINO-PHILIPPINES COMMUNIQUE FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN EXPRESSED OBJECTIVES. FOLLOWING THE MANILA MODEL, THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT CHINA AND THAILAND WILL EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS "AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE" (NCNA JUNE 30-JULY 1). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. SOVIETS

IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING THE SOVIETS' CONTENTION WITH THE US AND SUPPORT FOR MRS. GANDHI (PARAS 4 AND 9), NCNA THIS WEEK CARRIED THREE LONG ANTI-SOVIET ARTICLES. TWO DEALT WITH ECONOMIC THEMES, THE PLUNDER OF MONGOLIA'S MINERALS BY THE SOVIETS AND SOVIET MANIPULATION OF CMEA TO BOOST PRICES OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS AND FUEL SOLD TO THE EAST EUROPEAN BLOC NATIONS. THE THIRD CLAIMED THE "BREZHNEV CLIQUE IS FOLLOWING IN HITLER'S FOOTSTEPS". AMONG OTHER ALLEGATIONS IN THE ARTICLE, THE SOVIETS ARE CHARGED AS MAKING "PREPARATIONS FOR A PREEMPTIVE ATTACK" AND, ALTHOUGH THE VICTIM OF THIS ATTACK IS NOT CLEARLY DEFINED, FROM THE CONTEXT, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE US. THE ARTICLE PREDICTS THAT THE SOVIETS, A "ANOTHER
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PAPER TIGER", WILL " HAVE AN EVEN MORE MISERABLE END THAN HITLER".
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9. INDIA

THE PRC MEDIA HAS DEPICTED MRS. GANDHI AS A DICTATOR HEAVILY OPPOSED BY THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND SUPPORTED ONLY BY THE SOVIETS. SINCE JUNE 27, NCNA HAS CARRIED DAILY REPORTS OR COMMENTARIES ON THE INDIAN SITUATION, WHICH BEGAN WITH A PERSONAL DENUNCIATION OF MRS GANDHI AND HAVE SINCE FOCUSED INCREASINGLY ON THE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR HER ACTIONS. PRESUMABLY, THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP SEE LITTLE ADVANTAGE IN PULLING ITS PUNCHES IN ATTACKING MRS. GANDHI WITH WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP. FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, ANY SUCCESSOR WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT AND MIGHT OFFER SOME HOPE OF FUTURE IMPROVED SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. (NCNA JUNE 27-JULY 1) (HK 7377). CONFIDENTIAL

10. JAPAN

FORMER LDP DIET MEMBER HIDEJI KAWASAKI HAS RETURNED TO JAPAN AFTER A VISIT TO CHINA AND TALKS WITH KUO MO-JO AND LIAO CHENG -CHIH APPARENTLY WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE JAPANESE LEADERS ON THE HEGEMONY ISSUE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, LIAO TOLD KAWASAKI THAT CHINA CONSIDERS MIKI'S UNDISCLOSED "VERBAL MESSAGE " AS TOO "VAGUE" TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN ON INCLUSION OF THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN THE PROPOSED SINO-JAPAN PEACE TREATY (KYODO AND AFP, JULY 1).
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1. AFRICA

ARRIVING FROM ROMANIA, GABON'S PRESIDENT BONGO PAID HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE PRC IN LESS THAN A YEAR. IN OCTOBER 1974 HE WAS A STATE VISITOR WHILE HIS BRIEF JUNE 27-30 STAY IN

PEKING HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "FRIENDLY" AND MAY HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AS A STOPOVER ON HIS WAY TO NORTH KOREA. NEVERTHELESS, THE STANDARD PRC WELCOME WAS PROVIDED. ON JUNE 28 BONGO MET WITH PREMIER CHOU, BUT HE DID NOT SEE CHAJOEN MAO OR SENIOR VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. BANQUET SPEECHES DURING THE VISIT WERE BLAND AND BROKE NO NEW GROUND. THE YPONGYANG
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STOP, HOWEVER, HAS APPARENTLY NOW BEEN CANCELLED (SEOUL 4772). PRESIDENT BONGO AND HIS PARTY ARE PRESENTLY IN HONG KONG AND EXPECTED TO TRAVEL NEXT TO JAPAN BEFORE PROCEEDING TO SOUTH KOREA (NCNA JUNE 27-29. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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